

Conjunctions with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify and use a range of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to join words and clauses.

Read the front of each flashcard to learn about conjunctions. Then, try to use the conjunction on the back to write your own sentence about Max the Monkey's adventures!

What is a conjunction?

A conjunction is a word used to join two words, phrases, or clauses together in a sentence.

What does the conjunction 'and' do?

It joins two similar ideas together, like 'Max ate a banana and an apple.'

What does the conjunction 'but' do?

It shows a difference or a surprise, like 'Max wanted to climb, but he was too tired.'

When do we use the conjunction 'or'?

We use it to show a choice, like 'Would you like a red pen or a blue pen?'

What does the conjunction 'so' show?

It shows a result, like 'Max was hungry, so he ate his lunch.'

What does the conjunction 'because' tell us?

It explains a reason, like 'Max smiled because he solved the math puzzle.'

When do we use 'if'?

We use it to show a condition, like 'If it rains, we will play inside.'

When do we use 'when'?

We use it to show time, like 'Max cheered when he finished his work.'

Can you join these two sentences with 'and': Max jumped. Max played.

Max jumped and played.

Can you join these two sentences with 'because': Max felt happy. He found a shiny marble.

Max felt happy because he found a shiny marble.

Which conjunction would you use to show a choice between two snacks?

'or' (e.g., 'Do you want a pear or a plum?')

Why do we use conjunctions?

They make our writing flow better and help us connect our ideas clearly.